

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 6 and 13 are cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-12 are now pending in the present application.

Claims 6 and 13 are objected to, but have now been canceled. Thus, this objection should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's statement in the Office Action of June 18, 2007, in which claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-12 are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-12 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

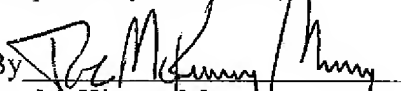
In the event the Examiner does not consider this application to be in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered for the purposes of Appeal. This Amendment does not contain new matter or raise new issues, and should overcome

the current grounds of rejection and therefore simplify the issues for Appeal. Nonetheless, it should be unnecessary to proceed to Appeal because the instant application should now be in condition for allowance.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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